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**Subject:** C-TPAT Removal Letter  
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**Attachments:** [Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. et al Removal Letter.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

The attached letter of removal from the C-TPAT program has been sent via USPS.

Thank you,

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Management & Program Analyst  
Customs - Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Border Protection

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Vice President Group Controlling & Accounting  
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

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Dear (b) (6)

Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) is a voluntary initiative between U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and private business to build relationships that strengthen international supply chains and improve U.S. border security.

As a public-private sector partnership program, C-TPAT recognizes that CBP can provide the highest level of cargo security only through close cooperation with the principle stakeholders of the international supply chain. The *Security and Accountability for Every Port Act (SAFE Port Act)* of 2006 provided a statutory framework for the C-TPAT program and imposed strict program oversight requirements.

In accordance with the SAFE Port Act, all C-TPAT accounts related to Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. will be removed as of the date of this letter, to include (b) (4), (b) (6), (b) (7)(E)

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CBP has thoroughly reviewed the reasons that led to the decision to remove your company's partnership. (b) (4), (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

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C-TPAT seeks to safeguard the world's vibrant trade industry from terrorists, maintaining the economic health of the U.S. and its neighbors. As a C-TPAT partner, the minimum security criteria requires a commitment to maintaining the C-TPAT supply chain security criteria, as outlined in the CTPAT Importer agreement and the C-TPAT Foreign Manufacturer agreement.

Should you disagree with the removal of Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. et al from the C-TPAT program, you may prepare a written response with the reasons why you believe that Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. et al should retain its previous status in the C-TPAT program. You have 90 calendar days from the date of this notice to provide a response. Your response should be sent to:

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Executive Director

Cargo and Conveyance Security

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Washington, D.C. 20229

Sincerely,

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Director, C-TPAT

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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cc:

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